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NEEM COATED UREA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) has given a finding that `Neem CoatedUrea` can have enhanced shelf-life and significantly contribute to better crop yields;

(b) if so, whether field demos have been done on any crops in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d): M/s. National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) have recently started production andmarketing of Neem Coated Urea on a limited scale and conducted 45 demonstrations on the farmer`s field on paddy crop during Kharif 2002 in a few districts of Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh and claimed better efficiency and increase in the yield of crop over normal urea.